



Guide to Catholic-Related Records outside the U.S. about Native Americans
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History: The Jesuits Canadian Province was established in 1907 by Jesuits from the French Province and divided in 1939 into the English-speaking Province of Upper Canada and French-speaking French Canadian Province. Previous Canadian-based (then Nouvelle-France and British North America) Jesuit evangelization was administered from France (Lyon Province, Lyon, France) and later New York. Jesuits from the Lyon Province, based in Canada, administered the following Indian missions and evangelization in the United States:

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| before 1698-ca. 1773 | Jesuits evangelized Apalache, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Tunica, and other American Indians in lower Louisiana and western Florida |
| 1647-1684 (destroyed) | Jesuits established and administered a mission at Ossernenon (now Auriesville), New York, a Mohawk village where Saint Isaac Jogues, S.J. (1607-1646) and 2 other Jesuits were martyred (1646) and Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha (Mohawk, (1656-1680) was born |
| 1660 | Père Claude Dablon, S.J. and the Jesuits established missions at Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan and elsewhere among the Ojibwa, Ottawa, and other American Indians in the western Great Lakes region |
| 1673-1675 | Père Marquette, S.J. visited Indian villages in the western Great Lakes and upper-middle Mississippi River regions |
| 1686-1767 | Jesuits intermittently evangelized the Miami and Wyandot Indians in Michigan and Indiana |

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans in the United States date from the 17th century, but are not known in detail.